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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Report from Melbourne—Plague in New South Wales and Western Australia—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following was received from Consul-General Bray:

The department of public health of New South Wales reports for the week ended March 17, 7 plague cases at Sydney. The patients were all infected at the same place, a warehouse in the city. Plague infection was found in a rat taken from one of the workrooms in the warehouse. During the weeks ended March 17 and 24 1,709 rodents were examined for plague infection; 5 were found to be infected.

The department of health at Perth reports for the three weeks ended March 10, 17, and 24, 2 cases and 1 death of plague at Geraldton, and 3 cases and 1 death at Fremantle. Rodents were examined as follows: Perth, 341, infected, 48; Fremantle, 449, infected, 7; number examined at Geraldton not reported; no infection found.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.—Mosquitoes not prevalent—Water cisterns screened.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Cooke reports as follows: Week ended April 27, 1906. Present officially estimated population, 9,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Mosquitoes are relatively scarce here at present, owing to the prevailing dry season. The greater number of water cisterns have been screened.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit. d	Pieces of baggage isinfected.
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CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague and small pox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, March 24, as follows: Week ended March 24, 1906:

Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on September 9, 1905.

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